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PRIVATE/ PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP IN FARM SECTOR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering private and public partnership in farm sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has prepared new policy for second green revolution in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to encourage innovations in agriculture sector?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)Following actions have been taken for promoting private and public partnership in farm sector:

$ Successful pilots on Public Private Partnership (PPP) have been undertaken through Innovations in Technology Dissemination (ITD) component of National Agricultural Technology Project (NATP).

$ The new Xth Plan scheme Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms` provides for invofving private extension service providers in extension activities.

$ `Agriculture Summit 2005` on the theme Reforms for Raising Farm Income` was organized jointly by Ministry of Agriculture and FICCI on 9-10 April, 2005.

$ Out of 451 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) sanctioned by ICAR in the country, 83 KVKs are with Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs).

$ All the State Seeds Corporations, National Seeds Corporations and, to a smaller extent,State Farm Corporation of India are producing seeds on farmers` field on mutually agreed terms and conditions.

$ The Scheme `Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palam and Maize` (ISOPOM) provides for involvement of private sector and non-government bodies in the implementation of different components of the programmes limited to 15% of the allocation for a particular component.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The Government is implementing the following innovative schemes in the area of agriculture extension:

$ Kisan Call Centres,

$ Mass Media Support to Agriculture Extension,

$ Innovation in Technology Dissemination (ITD) under National Agricultural Technology Project (NATP) and

$ Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms.